

# CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE

Estrella Squadron

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## March Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 1992 at the Hangar. Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00 and the meeting at 8:00.

The program for the evening is being arranged for by our own Dick Griffith and will be an extremely interesting one. He has asked his good friend James Finnegan to share some of his experiences with us as a P47 pilot for the 9th Air Force during WWII in England, France and during the invasion. One particular event is so fantastic that everyone will want to hear about it. Your editor has heard just the bare bones of the story and it is one of the truly fantastic and memorable tales to come out of the War. Please try to be there for this unusual glimpse into history by the man who was responsible for it.

Our dinner will be barbecued sirloin or tri tip provided by our distinguished Executive Officer, Gary Corippo and prepared by our one and only Mike Wing so we have a treat coming up for sure.

## Bug Smashers

Dues are PAST DUE and only about 1/2 of the members of this stalwart group have paid to date. Please bring a check with you to the meeting or, better yet, stick a check in the mail to Paul Tardiff, 1118 Dorothy Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Things are progressing well with the bird. The wings have been painted silver so it can be presumed that sanding and painting and sanding and painting and...well, you get the message, can begin. There are a few members out there doing a lot of work so lets kick in and get the dues paid, help in other ways, and get her in the air.

## Squadron Dues

As a reminder, Squadron dues will be due commencing May 1. It has been suggested that we get these in a little early this year (\$35.00) so we can have some more cash on hand for the Fly-In. We have a lot of expenses coming up (even though we expect to make "millions" in May!!) so every big or little bit will help. Try to bring a check to the meeting or

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mail one to Rosemary Netto at, P.O. Box 88, San Miguel, CA 93451.

### Third Annual Fly-In

From all accounts it sounds as though the May Fly-In is going to be a truly Super affair. More and more groups, individuals, military and civilian organizations have promised to have displays, fly-bys or some other form of involvement which should make this a fantastically memorable extravaganza.

The organization of the affair is being handled in a truly professional manner and the various booths and concessions will be handled in such a way as to provide income to the Squadron without the hassle of having too many projects run by too few people. The fact remains, however, that there will be plenty for members to do and since we are, in actuality, a pretty small group to be putting on a pretty big affair, every individual will be needed to help out. Please be prepared to offer your help when asked by committee members to do so and, if not asked directly, pick some spot where you think you can and would like to help and VOLUNTEER!!

Think of the marvelous feeling of accomplishment and pride in yourselves and your organization when you realize what you have contributed by helping, for instance, your editor and his fellow trashman, Ray Kamm, (Co-chairmen of the Executive Trash Committee) in picking up all the half-eaten sandwiches, bottles, papers, used Pampers and other delightful garbage and hauling it to the dumpsters! Seriously, there are many committees and all of them need volunteers.

Trying to get this to you a bit earlier than usual, primarily to make you aware of our wonderful program, so this is IT! BE THERE!!, please.



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